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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to driver's licenses marked to reflect veteran  
2 status for members of the reserve forces of the United  
3 States and the Iowa national guard.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.189, subsection 8, Code 2018, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 8. *Veterans status.* A licensee who is an honorably  
4 discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States may  
5 request that the license be marked to reflect the licensee's  
6 veteran status. Upon such a request, the word "VETERAN" shall  
7 be marked prominently on the face of the license. Such a  
8 license shall be issued upon receipt of satisfactory proof  
9 of veteran status pursuant to procedures established by the  
10 department in consultation with the department of veterans  
11 affairs, or upon presentation of the licensee's certification  
12 of release or discharge from active duty, DD form 214, to  
13 the department at the time of the licensee's request, if the  
14 form indicates the licensee was honorably discharged. If  
15 the license is issued upon presentation of the licensee's  
16 certification of release or discharge from active duty,  
17 DD form 214, the department shall notify the commission of  
18 veteran affairs of the county of the licensee's residence  
19 that the licensee was issued a license marked to reflect the  
20 licensee's veteran status. After receiving notification  
21 from the department, the commission of veteran affairs shall  
22 initiate contact with the licensee. For purposes of this  
23 subsection, "veteran" means as defined in section 35.1 but shall  
24 also include any member of the reserve forces of the United  
25 States discharged under honorable conditions and any member of  
26 the Iowa national guard discharged under honorable conditions  
27 regardless of the aggregate number of days of federal active  
28 duty served by the member and regardless of whether the member  
29 was activated for federal duty.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 Under current law, a person who is an honorably discharged  
34 veteran of the armed forces of the United States may request  
35 that the person's driver's license be marked to reflect the

1 person's veteran status. Such a license is required to be  
2 issued upon receipt of satisfactory proof of veteran status  
3 pursuant to procedures established by the department of  
4 transportation (DOT) in consultation with the department of  
5 veterans affairs (DVA), or upon presentation of the person's  
6 certification of release or discharge from active duty, DD form  
7 214, to the DOT. The procedures established by the DOT (761  
8 IAC 605.2) require a person who was a member of the national  
9 guard or reserve forces and who applies directly to the DOT  
10 to present a DD form 214 which indicates that the person was  
11 honorably discharged after serving for at least a minimum  
12 aggregate of 90 days of active duty service for purposes other  
13 than training. A person who was a member of the national  
14 guard or reserve forces and who has a discharge document other  
15 than a DD form 214 must have the person's eligibility for a  
16 veteran designation determined by a designee of the Iowa DVA  
17 and is required to apply to the DVA for a veteran designation  
18 by submitting form 432035. Form 432035 requires the person  
19 to meet the definition of "veteran" set forth in Code section  
20 35.1. Code section 35.1 defines "veteran" to mean, in part, a  
21 member of the reserve forces of the United States who completed  
22 a minimum aggregate of 90 days of federal active duty other  
23 than training and was discharged under honorable conditions,  
24 and a member of the Iowa national guard who was activated for  
25 federal duty other than training for a minimum aggregate of 90  
26 days and was discharged under honorable conditions.

27 This bill provides that for purposes of a driver's license  
28 marked to reflect veteran status, "veteran" means as defined  
29 in Code section 35.1 but also includes any member of the  
30 reserve forces of the United States discharged under honorable  
31 conditions and any member of the Iowa national guard discharged  
32 under honorable conditions regardless of the aggregate number  
33 of days of federal active duty served by the member and  
34 regardless of whether the member was activated for federal  
35 duty.